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SUBJECT: EC WINE REGULATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 188411, (B) BRUSSELS 07630

1. DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FROM WINE EXPORTERS

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REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT ON

EXPORT TO THE EC OF WINE IN BOTTLES OVER TWO LITERS.
LATEST CASE INVOLVES THE ROYAL WINE CORP. OF NEW YORK
WHICH HAS INFORMED US THAT ITS IMPORTERS IN THE UK AND
BELGIUM HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES THAT UNDER EC COUNCIL REGULATION
1160/76 THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT V-I-1 FORMS FOR
ALL FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF WINE IN CONTAINERS LARGER THAN
TWO LITERS. THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR ROYAL SINCE A
LARGE PORTION OF ITS EXPORTS ARE SACRAMENTAL WINES IN
THREE LITER BOTTLES USED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES.

2. IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS GENERALLY ENFORCED THROUGHOUT
MEMBER STATES, IMPORTANT U.S. WINE EXPORTERS SUCH AS GALLO
AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED, GREATLY
INCREASING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM AND COMPLICATING
OUR EFFORTS TO FIND A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.
IT IS CLEARLY IN BOTH SIDES INTEREST NOT TO HAVE THIS

ISSUE COME TO A HEAD. IN REF B, USEC REPORTS THAT THE
PROBLEM WITH BOTTLES OVER TWO LITERS WAS CREATED BY A
REGRETTABLE OVERSIGHT IN THE REGULATIONS ON THE PART OF
THE EC WHICH CANNOT BE CORRECTED BEFORE OCTOBER AT THE
EARLIEST. ALTHOUGH THE REGULATIONS THEMSELVES MAY NOT BE
AMENDED BEFORE THAT DATE, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME
ACCOMMODATION COULD BE MADE UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF EC COUNCIL
REGULATION 1839 SO THAT U.S. WINES IN BOTTLES LARGER THAN
TWO LITERS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO THE EC AFTER
SEPTEMBER 1. (SEE REF A PARA 3 C).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION SHOULD INFORM THE EC
COMMISSION OF GENERAL PROBLEM CITING SPECIFIC CASE OF THE
ROYAL WINE CO. AND URGE THAT THE COMMISSION RECTIFY THIS
OVERSIGHT, POSSIBLY ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 2. WE
WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM ROYAL AND OTHER U.S. WINE
EXPORTERS THAT ALTHOUGH THE EC REGULATIONS WILL ONLY BE
MODIFIED LATER IN THE FALL, CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN MEMBER
STATES WILL NOT REQUIRE THAT BOTTLES LARGER THAN TWO
LITERS BE ACCOMPANIED BY A V-I-1 FORM. KISSINGER

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